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Artillery and Infantry Units in Liberec

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1. Prior to July 1952, a barracks installation located between the northeastern perimeter of Liberec (Reichenberg, O 51/G 16) and the town of Rumpersdorf was occupied by a motorized artillery unit. The installation, which was partially hidden behind trees and shrubs, included a four-story main building, over 100 meters long, with several wings and was enclosed by an iron fence, 2 meters high. The unit, which was frequently observed marching out of the installation, was equipped with long-barreled guns of over 100-mm towed by trucks. No details were available.¹
2. Another barracks installation located on Stalin Square, formerly Hermann Goering Platz, was occupied by an infantry unit including motorized elements. It was an old multi-story compound with garages to its north and west side, and an enclosed courtyard. The garages sheltered Tatra and Skoda trucks. After mid-1951, the soldiers did not march out of the installation in 3-row columns, but in 12-row columns. The soldiers carried no weapons other than model-98N rifles and Soviet-made submachine guns.²
3. Other billets were located in a four-story building, about 60 meters long, south of the barracks installation described in paragraph 1, near Roosevelt Street. They were occupied by SNB, who also performed military training of women. Dogs were also observed being trained.³
4. Other billets were located in the northeastern sector of the city in an unidentified number of four-story buildings near the Gondel Pond. The billets, which included the former labor office, a swimming pool and a private house and also had a prison, were occupied by STB.

1. Comment. A previous report of July 1951 stated that a motorized artillery unit, which may be identical to the unit mentioned in the present report, occupied the barracks installation near Ruprechtice. See

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2. Comment. The assignment of the units is undetermined. Prior to January 1951, the 22d Inf Regt, which moved to Jesenik at that time, was stationed in Liberec.

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3. Comment. Another report mentioned a unit of men wearing red-bordered red epaulets, which may be identical to the SNB unit mentioned in the present report. See [REDACTED].

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